

## OREGON VEGETABLES

Oregon's 2001 production of four principal vegetable crops (sweet corn, storage onions, snap beans and green peas), totaled 928,770 tons, down 13% from last year. Processed carrot estimates were discontinued in 2001. Area harvested for these four crops was 93,400 acres, 18% less than last year. Acres harvested for all vegetable crops were down for 2001. The 2001 total value of production from Oregon vegetable crops was \$133 million, a decrease of 12% from last year's total. This decrease in value of production is attributable to the decrease in harvested acres for all four vegetables and, with the exception of fresh sweet corn, lower season average prices.

Total processed vegetable production of 386,920 tons (2.8% of U.S. total) ranked Oregon fifth among the states. U.S. estimates include lima beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, spinach, tomatoes, and cucumbers for pickles. Oregon's production of these crops is not published to avoid

disclosing individual firms or estimates are not made. The top five states accounted for 83.6% of total U.S. processing vegetable production, led by California with 59.4% of total production. In order of total fresh market vegetable production, Oregon ranked seventh, unchanged from last year. Total production decreased from 12,752,000 cwt. in 2000, to 11,925,000 cwt. in 2001.

Oregon storage onion value decreased 3% from 2000 due to a season average price of \$9.41 per ton, down \$.24 from last year. In 2001 storage onions were valued at \$74.9 million for Malheur County and other Oregon producing areas. Sweet corn for fresh market and processing was valued at \$30.2 million, down 14% from 2000. Snap beans for processing were down 16% from 2000 at \$21.0 million. The value of processed green peas was \$6.9 million, down 49% from last year.

**Value of production, percent of total Oregon, 2001**

